Breaches on the Roads on account of Floods.

314. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*): (1) Are the Government aware that during all the three high floods in South Travancore in the years 1087, 1098 and 1101, breaches occurred in the Cape road near Suchindram, in the M. S. Road near the Ozhuginasseri Municipal toll-gate, in the Tiruppatisaram roads and in the Terur-Ozhuginasseri Road near the Kodichapillai Agarom?

(2) In view of the fact that breaches have been found to occur repeatedly in these particular spots, will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of constructing permanent causeways in these spots with a view to prevent the recurrence of breaches?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes, in 1088 (not 1087), 1098 and 1101 M. E.

(2) A retaining wall was constructed in the Cape road near Suchindram and it is proposed to provide a spillway also in the near future. As regards the M. S. road near Ozhuginasseri a spillway was constructed so early as 1088 and it is proposed to extend it. In the Tirupatisaram road the water-ways of the bridges across the Terak-kal will be enlarged and an outlet *kal* will be constructed opposite the entry of the Tirupatisaram drainage *kal* to let down the flood waters into the Pazhayar directly. The provision of a spillway for the Terur-Ozhuginasseri road is under consideration.

Delay in the Collection of dues to the Terur Kulam Irrigation Block Board for 1099.

315. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received letter No. 24, dated the 8th September 1925, from the President of the Terur Kulam Irrigation Block Board complaining against the indifferent attitude of the Revenue authorities in the matter of collection and remittance to the Block Board of the arrears of the Block Board dues for the year 1099, and also whether they have sent a reply to the President, in the Chief Secretary's letter D. Dis. No. 1414/25/Rev., dated the 23rd November 1925?

(*b*) Are they aware that the President in his letter mentioned above complained that, out of the total arrears for 1099, *viz.*, S. Rs. 356 Chs. 6-Cash 13, accounts for which were forwarded to the Tahsildar, Agastisvaram taluk, in Chingam 1100, the Revenue authorities were able to collect and remit to the Block Board only S. Rs. 166- Chs. 2-Cash 2 within a period of over one year?

(*c*) Will they be pleased to state what action they have taken on the President's complaint, and what progress has since been made in the matter of the collection of the balance of the arrears of the Block Board dues levied for 1099?

(*d*) Will they be pleased to ascertain and state the amount of the arrears for 1099 collected by the Revenue authorities and remitted to the

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